

**A Note from our  
State Purchasing Director,  
John Utterback –****Statewide Procurement Assessment**

We kicked off the Colorado Procurement Assessment initiative March 17<sup>th</sup> with two call sessions to inform the State Procurement community. Our consultant Treya Partners will be communicating periodically with our community as they progress. Brad Reed is the main contact for Treya and you may contact him at [brad.reed@treypartners.com](mailto:brad.reed@treypartners.com)

***The key objectives for the study are:***

- Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the State of Colorado's current procurement operating model
- Benchmark Colorado's procurement model against other state governments and other relevant public and private sector organizations
- Develop a prioritized set of recommendations for improving the value delivered by procurement to the State

Please be as responsive as you can with Treya Partners as they are under a tight timeline and your input is vital.

***Please Mark your calendars -***  
The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for  
**Friday, May 6, 2011** to be held at the  
Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building.

Click on the following link to register:  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Spring\\_2011\\_PAC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Spring_2011_PAC)  
Registration deadline is Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***Hope to see you there!***

**e-Procurement Update:**

The e-Procurement Services and Solutions solicitation is currently in the evaluation stage. The State Purchasing Office is expecting to issue our intent to award in the next month. We will keep procurement staff up-to-date on the progress of this important initiative.

***Earth Day is Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>!***

To celebrate, [Click here](#) and view the State's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy.

Contact [Jeff.Wylde@state.co.us](mailto:Jeff.Wylde@state.co.us) with questions.

***The State has a new contract with Citibank for credit card services which features:***

- Increased rebate revenues
- Reduced financial risks
- Enhanced program monitoring and compliance tools
- A dynamic account management team all thru one consolidated provider to create resource efficiencies

Contact our Pcard Program Manager at [Jana.Sealy@state.co.us](mailto:Jana.Sealy@state.co.us) for additional information.

***The State Purchasing Office has made some exciting changes to our website!*****New content includes:**

- All back issues of our Newsletter, "SPOLine" are posted
- State Agency Contact list: View lists of Agency Purchasing Offices, State Departments, Sub State Agencies, Higher Ed, and a list of Colorado Official State and Local Government websites
- Vendor Information: A tab that clearly calls from the SPO welcome page where vendors should go for information. The tab includes information regarding Colorado BIDS, Upcoming Vendor Events, The Small Business Development Program and also a whole page of Resources for Small Businesses
- Reference Materials: The State Procurement Code, Rules, Manual – It's a Purchasing Agent's dream!

***Check out the updates on the website by [clicking here](#), and look for more coming soon!***